GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1227
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007
FDI IN TOBACCO SECTOR
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the five major trade unions have sent any representation to the Government opposing the decision to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in tobacco sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been carried out to allow FDI in tobacco sector; and

(d) if so, the outcome of such study?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b):List of representations received during January 2007 till May 2007 against allowing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in tobacco sector is at Annex.

(c) :No, Sir.

(d) :Does not arise

ANNEX

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1227 FOR ANSWER ON 21ST AUGUST, 2007

List of representations received against FDI in tobacco sector

S. No. Representation from

1 Karnataka Tobacco Growers' Forum, Hunsur (Karnataka)

2 Karnataka V.F.C. Tobacco Growers' Association, Periyapatna (Karnataka)

3 Karnataka Tobacco Growers' Forum, Hunsur (Karnataka)

4 Shri Bellam Kotaiah, ex-Vice President Tobacco Board, Prakasam (A.P.)

5 Human Organisation for Poverty Eradication (HOPE), Khammam (A.P.)

6 Chaitanya Development Society, Guntur (A.P.)

7 Human Organisation for Poverty Eradication (HOPE), Khammam (A.P.)

8 Society for Health & Agricultural Development (SHADE), Khammam (A.P.)

9 Rural Action to Keep Safe heritage & Natural Assets (RAKSHANA), Prakasam (A.P.)

10 Society for National Integration through Rural Development, Prakasam (A.P.)

11 Indian Medical Association, Chirala (A.P.)

12 Central Trade Unions

13 Shri R. Sambasiva Rao, M. P. (Lok Sabha) and 39 other Members of Parliament